

MINUTES
South Carolina Athletic Commission
10:00 A.M., December 17, 2009
Conference Call Meeting
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Michael Tyler, Chairman, of Lexington, called the meeting of the S.C. Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Other commissioners present included: Robert Williams, vice chairman, of Cayce; George Cox, of Myrtle Beach; Clyde Jones, of Camden; and Paul Kennemore, of Greenwood.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Kristy Bell, Administrative Assistant; Randall Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant, Larry Hall, Inspector; and Jimmy Knotts, Inspector.

Mr. Tyler announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Athletic Commission office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Excused Absences

Mr. Tyler noted that Ms. Leventis-Wells' absence was excused as she was in another meeting.

Chairman's Remarks – Michael Tyler

Mr. Tyler made no remarks at this time.

Commission Representative's Remarks – Larry Hall/Kristy Bell

Ms. Bell noted upcoming events from January 2010 to June 2010 for the members.

New Business

1. Approve SC MMA Regulations

2. Proposed ABC MMA Application as Sanctioning Body

Mr. Bryant stated the Commission had previously approved ISKA as a sanctioning body for MMA amateur events. He went on to say he has spoken with Cory Schafer of ISKA who is willing for ISKA to be the sanctioning body for the MMA professional events.

Mr. Bryant stated ABC has a MMA application for sanctioning bodies which can be amended to adapt to South Carolina.

MOTION

Mr. Cox made a motion that any and all professional MMA events be conducted in compliance with the unified Association of Boxing Commissions' (ABC) MMA rules. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Jones made a motion that any and all professional MMA events be sanctioned by an organization approved by the Commission, although upon receipt of the event permit and review by the Commission, the Commission may waive the sanctioning body in lieu of an ABC State Commission or Commissioner to be used as a subcontractor for the event. Mr. Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Kennemore made a motion the Commission instruct LLR staff to obtain an ABC MMA sanctioning body application. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Jones made a motion the Commission approve the ISKA as the sanctioning body for the MMA professional event in Myrtle Beach on January 23, 2010 and a professional event in Little River on January 9, 2010. Mr. Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Richard Gibson's Complaint Regarding Judges' Scoring

Mr. Hall stated a boxer's manager, Richard Gibson, had complained about the judges' scoring regarding the match. He further stated he had spoken with ABC which stated Mr. Gibson did not have grounds to appeal the decision to the Commission. He is asking the Commission to delete the complaint.

MOTION

Mr. Cox made a motion the Commission delete Mr. Gibson's complaint. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Mr. Cox made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The December 17, 2009 conference call meeting of the S.C. Athletic Commission adjourned at 10:30 a.m.